



## AGENDA

(updated 2/7/12)

<b>Wednesday, February 24</b>		
<b>3:30-5:30pm AmeriCorps Service Projects at various community locations in Helena</b>		
<b>Thursday, February 23</b>		
7:30-8:30am	Registration at the Red Lion Colonial Hotel, Helena, MT	
8:30-9:00	Welcome and Introductions	
<b>9:00- 10:15 Opening Keynote</b>		
	Growing Montana Communities	Pam Gerwe and Mike Jopek of Purple Frog Gardens
10:15-10:30	Break	
<b>10:30-11:45 Breakout Sessions</b>		
	<b>A</b>	Volunteer Management - Part 1 <i>Gain effective tools and resources</i> Serendipity Solutions and Build Montana- Montana Nonprofit Association
	<b>B</b>	Link Planning to Performance <i>Design, communicate, and deliver your plan</i> Linda Tracy, Steele Reese Foundation
	<b>C</b>	Reflections on Social Change Bob FitzGerald, Community Member
11:45-12pm	Break	
<b>12:00-2:00 Award Luncheon</b>		
	First Lady's Math & Science, Ready Montana, and ServeMontana Awards	Presented by Lt. Governor John Bohlinger and First Lady Nancy Schweitzer
2:00- 2:15	Break	
<b>2:15-3:30 Breakout Sessions</b>		
	<b>A</b>	Volunteer Management - Part 2 <i>In-depth look at using tools and resources</i> Serendipity Solutions and Build Montana- Montana Nonprofit Association
	<b>B</b>	Good Soil: Eight Principles for Building Agreement <i>Breaking down communication barriers</i> Nedra Chandler, DPHHS Nutrition & Physical Activity Program Manager
	<b>C</b>	Imagine Montana: Tools for Change <i>What do you want your community to look like?</i> Bonnie Sachatello-Sawyer, Hopa Mountain
3:30-3:45	Break	
<b>3:45-5:00 Keynote</b>		
	America's Commitment to Service-Past & Present	Frank Greer, Founding Partner of GMMB
5:00-5:30	Break	
<b>5:30-7:30 Reception</b>		
	A Celebration of Service with Target!	Book Service Project

Check for updates and register online at [serve.mt.gov](http://serve.mt.gov). Call Gail 406-442-4141 for more info.

## Friday, February 24

8am-9:15	Plenary		
	AmeriCorps Alumni Panel	<i>Hear stories from those who made a difference and what they are up to now</i>	
9:15-9:30	Break		
9:30-10:45	Breakout Sessions: Strategies that Work in Montana		
	A	Education	Nancy's Garden: The First Lady Connects the Classroom to the Community
	B	Healthy Futures 	Livingston Food Pantry: Resource Strategies with Michael McCormick
	C	Environmental Stewardship	Blackfoot Challenge: Demonstrating Collaboration with Gary Burnett
	D	Veterans and Military Families	Veterans Outreach Pilot Project: Volunteers Helping Veterans
	E	Economic Opportunity	Strengthening the Circle: Building Native Nonprofit Leadership with Marissa Spang
	F	Disaster Services 	Event Planning: Prepare Your Community with Adraine Kreglo and Pam Sanderson
10:45-11am	Break		
11am-12:15	Breakout Sessions: Strategies that Work in Montana		
	A	Education	Service-Learning: Learning through Doing with Community Cooking Connections
	B	Healthy Futures	Rural Friday: Connecting Students to Healthy Food with Food Corps
	C	Environmental Stewardship	Gaining Leadership Outdoors: Experiential Leadership and Environmental Awareness
	D	Veterans and Military Families	Re-connecting Veterans: Gaining Job Skills through Service with MCC
	E	Economic Opportunity	Empowering Those in Poverty with Montana Legal Services Association
	F	Disaster Services 	Managing Volunteers in Times of Disaster with Adraine Kreglo and Pam Sanderson
12:15-12:30	Break		
12:30-2pm	Luncheon and Closing Keynote		
	Growing a Garden City <i>Unlocking the people power for positive change</i>		Jeremy Smith
2pm-2:30	Break and Departure for some		
2:30-4:30	Optional Sessions and Meetings		
	A	Grant Writing: Sustaining Your Organization 	Adraine Kreglo of Serendipity Solutions
	B	Montana Commission on Community Service Meeting	Public Meeting



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